STATE ETHICS COMMISSION 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive, S.E. Suite 478 – East Tower Atlanta, Georgia 30334

AGENDA

LOCATION: **Douglas County Courthouse** Citizen's Hall **Douglasville, Georgia** DATE: March 30, 2006 TIME: 10:00 a.m. **HEARINGS** In the Matter of Chris Browning......A In the Matter of Gary Parker.....B In the Matter of Daniel A. Allen......C In the Matter of Eric L. Bailey......D In the Matter of Reginald Boddie.....E In the Matter of Dawn Dwyer.....F In the Matter of James M. Finley......G In the Matter of Wilbert Gallop......H In the Matter of Dianne Greene......I In the Matter of Kelvin JonesK

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In the Matter of Leighton W. LangM
In the Matter of Carl E. LincolnN
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In the Matter of Lee N. MayP
In the Matter of Margie E. McLeodQ
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MINUTES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION MEETING HELD

March 30, 2006
Douglas County Courthouse
Citizen's Hall
Douglasville, Georgia

Present:

Steve Farrow, Chairman Jack Williams, Vice Chairman Emmett Bowers David Moskowitz Sonny Watson

The meeting commenced at approximately 10:03 a.m.

HEARINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

IN THE MATTER OF CHRIS BROWNING

CASE NO. 2005-0054

The Commission dismissed this matter based on the Motion to Dismiss filed by the Attorney General's office.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Watson

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IN THE MATTER OF GARY PARKER

CASE NO. 2005-0078

The Commission dismissed this matter based on the Motion to Dismiss filed by the Attorney General's office.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers *Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Williams

IN THE MATTER OF DANIEL ALLEN

CASE NO. 2005-0048

A motion was made to continue this matter until the May 18, 2006 meeting. The motion failed.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

In favor: Moskowitz, Bowers

Opposed: Farrow, Williams, Watson

A motion was made to assess a civil penalty of \$3,000.00 and revoke the Respondent's ability to lobby for one year. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Watson

The Commission found three violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Carried Unanimously

The Commission assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (total of \$3,000.00) for each of the three violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent and revoked the Respondent's ability to lobby for one year.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Watson

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF ERIC L. BAILEY

CASE NO. 2005-0053

The Commission continued this matter until the May 18, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF REGINALD BODDIE

CASE NO. 2005-0051

The Commission continued this matter until the May 18, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF DAWN DWYER

CASE NO. 2005-0057

The Commission adopted a consent order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$100.00.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES M. FINLEY

CASE NO. 2005-0058

The Commission found three violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Carried Unanimously

The Commission assessed a civil penalty of \$500.00 for each violation of the Ethics in Government Act (\$1,500.00 total), and suspended the Respondent from lobbying for sixty days, effective March 30, 2006.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz In favor: Moskowitz, Bowers, Farrow

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Opposed: Watson, Williams

A motion was made to amend the earlier motion to make the 60-day lobbying suspension effective March 31, 2006.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

In favor: Moskowitz, Bowers, Farrow

Opposed: Watson, Williams

IN THE MATTER OF WILBERT GALLOP

CASE NO. 2005-0059

The Commission continued this matter until the May 18, 2006 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF DIANNE GREENE

CASE NO. 2005-0060

The Commission found four violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Farrow

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

A motion was made to assess civil penalties in the amount of \$2,000.00 per violation (\$2,000.00 total) and suspended the Respondent from registration as a lobbyist from the period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The motion failed.

Motion made by Mr. Farrow

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A motion was made to amend the earlier motion to assess civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00 per violation (\$4,000.00 total) and to suspend the Respondent from registration as a lobbyist from the period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Motion made by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF KEVIN JOHNSON

CASE NO. 2005-0065

The Commission adopted a consent order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers *Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

IN THE MATTER OF KELVIN JONES

CASE NO. 2005-0066

The Commission found three violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

The Commission assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00 per violation (\$3,000.00 total) and imposed sanctions prohibiting the Respondent to register as a lobbyist from the period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF MELVIN JONES

CASE NO. 2005-0045

The Commission adopted a consent order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. Watson

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF LEIGHTON LANG

CASE NO. 2005-0070

The Commission continued this matter until the May 18, 2006 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers *Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Farrow

IN THE MATTER OF CARL E. LINCOLN

CASE NO. 2005-0074

The Commission found three violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Moskowitz

Carried Unanimously

The Commission assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00 per violation (\$3,000.00 total) and prohibited the Respondent from lobbying from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF ANDY LORD

CASE NO. 2005-0075

The Commission adopted a consent order finding violations and assessing civil penalties in the amount of \$350.00.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Watson

Carried Unanimously

Mr. Moskowitz was not present for the vote.

IN THE MATTER OF LEE N. MAY

CASE NO. 2005-0076

The Commission found one violation of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz *Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Williams

The Commission assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00 and prohibited the Respondent from registering as a lobbyist from the period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz *Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

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IN THE MATTER OF MARGIE E. MCLEOD

CASE NO. 2005-0077

The Commission found four violations of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Moskowitz

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

The Commission assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00 per violation (\$4,000.00 total), and suspended the Respondent's lobbying activities, effective March 30, 2006.

Motion made by Mr. Farrow

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

Carried Unanimously

IN THE MATTER OF WANDA RYLANDER

CASE NO. 2005-0082

The Commission found one violation of the Ethics in Government Act by the Respondent.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Carried Unanimously

The Commission assessed civil penalties in the amount of \$1,000.00, and prohibited the Respondent from registering as a lobbyist for the periods of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mr. Moskowitz recused himself in this matter due to his firm's affiliation with a client represented by the Respondent.

REGULAR MEETING

The Commission adopted the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached in the Administrative Procedure Act hearings as the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the State Ethics Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Williams *Carried Unanimously*

Seconded by Mr. Bowers

The minutes of the February 23, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers Carried Unanimously

Seconded by Mr. Williams

Mr. Watson abstained from voting in the matter due to his absence at the previous meeting.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Interim Executive Secretary briefed the Commission on the following:

- The outstanding job of the Commission staff during the transition of the filing officer duties, and specifically, Jennifer Ward and her role at the Commission.
- The recognition of the Georgia Ethics Commission as a Georgia Peace Officer Standards Training Council (P.O.S.T.) agency
- FY 2007 budget update
- Revision of Commission Rules

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Commission set June 29, 2006 as the next meeting date following the May 18, 2006 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Rick Thompson

Interim Executive Secretary

Official Minutes Statement

The foregoing Minutes for the March 30, 2006 meeting for the State Ethics Commission were approved and adopted by the Commission at the Commission's meeting on May 18, 2006.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

By:

Chairman